

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Edmund J. Baer has demonstrated his dedication to duty through his many endeavors in the field of corrections, and most recently as the Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles and Director of Parole Services; and,

WHEREAS, Ed is a native of South Dakota, graduated from Bowdle High School, was in the Navy, and then graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in Minnesota as a teacher; and,

WHEREAS, Ed served as a missionary teacher/principal for a Lutheran Teacher's College in Nigeria, West Africa, and then returned to receive his B.A. degree in education from Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota and returned to Nigeria to resume his teacher/principal duties until 1955; and,

WHEREAS, Ed served as a probation/parole agent for nearly 18 years during which his experiences were, as for all corrections people, frustrating, exciting, boring and satisfying--usually all in the same day; and,

WHEREAS, Ed earned an M.A. in Sociology from the University of South Dakota, has been a member of the South Dakota Corrections Association, Administrator of South Dakota's Interstate Compact program, and has taught college level continuing education courses; and,

WHEREAS, Ed Baer was hired by the Board of Charities and Corrections as Supervisor of the Office of Correctional Services, now known as Parole Services, and then also became Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles--a dual position; and,

WHEREAS, Ed is admired for his enthusiasm, his Christian value system, his dedication and belief in rehabilitation, and his belief that people can change; and,

WHEREAS, Ed has been an inspiration to his many friends by being a wonderful husband for 39 years to his wife, Rhoda, and a loving parent to his daughter Larissa; and,

WHEREAS, Ed Baer is retiring, and the people of South Dakota have a better state government and corrections system working for them because Ed gave so much of himself to his fellow South Dakotans;

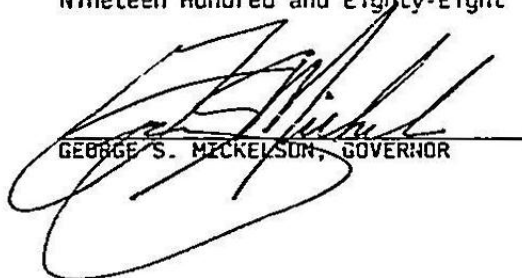
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 1988, as

EDMUND J. BAER DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his many friends in wishing him a fond farewell and an enjoyable retirement.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused to be
affixed the Great Seal of the State
of South Dakota, in Pierre, the
Capital City, this Fifth Day of
October, in the Year of Our Lord,
Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight


GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE